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THE LAST

Dying Speeches

And Confessions of the Three

Notorious Malefactors who were

Executed at *TYBURN*, on the *4th.* of this Instant *March*, 1681.

Giving an Account of the several Crimes for which they suffered:

which are as followeth;

John Sadler,

For Whipping a Girl to Death at *Ratcliff*.

Roger Maiden,

For Eight FELLONIES and BURGLARYS.

Elizabeth Brown, *alias* White-head,

For Robbing the Two *Cocks* on *London-Bridge*, and endeavouring to Cut the Maids Throat.

With their penitential Confessions as well in Prison, as at the place of EXECUTION.

4. March. 1680

BEfore we enter upon the Confessions, it has been thought fit to give the Reader a particular account of the Crime for which every Offender suffers, the first of which deplorable Wretches we shall begin withal, is, one *John Sadler*, who was by his Imploy a Bailiffs Follower, lodging at one *Latise Vvigingtons* house, a School-mistris or Sempstress, living in the Parish of *Ratcliff*, the said *Vvigington* keeping many Apprentices and Scholers to work, amongst which, was one *Elizabeth Holton*, a Girl about Thirteen years of Age, whom as they affirmed, had at several times purloyned things out of the House, amongst which, was some Linnen of the Prisoners, which he did not charge her with till about the 24 of *Decem.* last;

When as her Miſtris to whom ſhe was Apprentice, having ſent her of an Errand to carry ſome things home which had been bought there, did charge her with defrauding of two ſhillings or ſome ſuch inconſiderable Sum, which the Girl utterly denying, ſhe got the Priſoner, (who as the Evidence in Court did affirm was her Gallant) to aſſiſt her in giving the Girl Correction, when they ſhuting all the doors, got ſeveral Whip-cords which they knoted and tyed to a ſtick, by moſt called a *Cat of Nine-Tails*, then tying her by the Wriſt, hung her up upon a Hook, where they having ſtripped her, the Priſoner with the aforeſaid Cords, beat her upon the bare fleſh for the ſpace of an hour, all which time the woman (who for the ſame Fact was the Seſſions before condemned, and pleaded her Belly) ſtopped her mouth leaſt the neighbours ſhould hear her cry; then being weary of his cruel uſage, he deſiſted, and fell to it again about half an hour afterwards, and ſo continued at ſeveral times, for the ſpace of four hours, and as often as the Blood poured down, they rubbed the Wounds with Salt: This was ſworn to in Court, and himſelf could not deny it, the Girl Dying three days afterwards; for which Hainous fact he received Sentence of death on the *26th.* of *February* laſt, and from the Seſſions-Houſe conveyed back to *Newgate*, where he continued very penſive, much bewailing his ſad ſtate, ſaying; *That he had lived a moſt Notorious and Wicked Life, not only in all manner of Debaucheries, as Whoring, Drunkenneſs, and the like; but that he had been a great Oppreſſor of poor People, and a continual Sabbath-breaker, for which Sins he ſuppoſed God had given him up to commit this Barbarous Murther for which he now ſuffered*; ſaying, *That the woman had been a great Inſtrument to prompt him on to wickedneſs, and that ſhe was the cauſe he had committed ſo foul a* Murther which now ſtuck ſore upon his conſcience, yet he hoped God would at the laſt except of his returning to him, and that he would waſh away the Innocent blood which he had ſhed, with the meritorious death and paſſion of his Redeemer, and that he hoped to be cleanſed in his blood, with many other pious expreſſions which he uſed to ſeveral that came to ſee him during the intervene of time, and on this day when he was put into the Cart, in order to be drawn to the place of Execution, he deſired all to pray for him, and ſo continued till the Executioner did his office.

The next in this ſhameful and untimely ſuffering, was one *Roger Maiden*, who formerly lived in *Acorn* Alley near *Spittle-fields*, his Crimes for which he ſuffered, were numerous, for he was Indicted no leſs then Eight times for ſeveral Fellonies and Burglaries, which were all committed in the ſpace of 6 weeks, in *Shadwell*, *Stepney*, and *White Chappel*; the names of the perſons that he in the company of one *John Maiden*, *Alias*, and *John Motly*, were theſe, *James Porter*, *Jane Harris*, *William Addams*, *Samuel Banfield*, *Phillip Story*, *Thomas Hopkins*, *Anthony Fowler*, and *Mary Clark*, from either of them ſtealing conſiderable quantities of Goods to a great value: Of Seven Fellonies and Burglary he being found Guilty, and onely acquitted, of one Fellony he received Sentence of death, after which he ſeem'd very melancholly and ſtupifi'd for a conſiderable time, but finding that Death was certain, and that no Reprieve could be expected, he began to enquire of ſeveral Miniſters that came to ſee him, how he might obtain a pardon for his ſins, deſiring that they would offer up their Prayers to God for to give him the Spirit of Prayer, which by reaſon of his former wicked Life he had loſt; ſaying that he had been in above Forty Robberies, and helped to undooe many poor and honeſt people, for which he hoped God would forgive him: Theſe and many other expreſſions he uſed to the laſt, deſiring all to take warning by his wretched fate, and not to give their youth and ſtrength to ſerve the Devil as he had done, but he hoped God would forgive him all his offences, and he hoped his downfall would be a warning to all that were ſpectators of the ſame.

Elizabeth Whitehead, alias *Brown*, who about half a Year ſince was Condemned, for that ſhe in the Company of one *Thomas Brown*, alias *More*, executed, knocking at the Door of one Mr. *King*, at the Two fighting Cocks on *London-Bridge*, it being on a *Sabbath-day*, when they were all (the Maid onely excepted) gone to Church, under pretence of being Couſin to the Gentleman of the Houſe, got ſo much credit with the Maid as to let them in, when ſhe ceaſing on her, endeavoured to ſtill her out-cry by Cutting of her Throat, which ſhe endeavouring to hinder, they cut her Hands and Face moſt miſerably; then finding her took in Plate and Moneys to the value of Four Hundred pounds, but e're they got

got out of the House she got loose, and shutting her self into a Room, cryed out, whereupon help coming, the Prisoner got down upon the Piles and there was taken, the which upon her Tryal she not denying, she was found Guilty, and received Sentence of Death, but pleading her Belly, was respited till this day, and during the said interview, she shewed great Contrition, and much Lamented her Lost and Deplorable Condition, desiring all people to pray for her, saying; That she had been a grievous Sinner, and that she had been the cause of many Mans Ruine, and especially of the aforesaid *More*, (alias) *Browns*, whom she had drawn into the Robbery, for which she desired God would pardon her Offences, and Dyed very penitently.

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